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SUBJECT: SWAP OF U.S. FEEDGRAINS FOR JAPANESE RICE

1. INDONESIAN ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR ADIWOSO HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR RACHMAT SALEH IS IN TOKYO NEGOTIATING FOOD ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH GOJ. DURING TALKS GOJ PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY INDONESIA WOULD BUY FEEDGRAINS IN U.S. COMMERCIALY FOR RESALE AND SHIPMENT TO JAPAN. IN TURN JAPAN WOULD SELL TO GOI ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS OLD RICE WHICH HAD BEEN INTENDED FOR ANIMAL FEED AND SHIP TO INDONESIA FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. ADIWOSO ASKED DEPARTMENT FOR MARKET INFORMATION AND STATUS OF EXPORT CONTROLS PROPOSAL.

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2. DEPARTMENT ADVISED ADIWOSO THAT THREE GRAINS ACCEPT-
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ABLE TO JAPANESE ARE SOY BEANS, CORN AND SORGHUM. SOY

BEANS TEMPORARILY NOT AVAILABLE (EXPORT CONTROLS HAVE NOW BEEN IMPOSED ON SOY BEANS AND COTTON SEED). SOME CORN CAN BE BOUGHT. SORGHUM CURRENTLY BEING HARVESTED IS BEST BUY AND AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT FROM GULF PORTS, THOUGH POTENTIALLY SUBJECT TO EXPORT CONTROL AS ARE WHEAT AND ALL FEEDGRAINS. COMMODITY MARKET UNSTABLE AND FEW SELLERS WRITING CONTRACTS, NONE WITHOUT ESCAPE CLAUSES TO PROTECT AGAINST POSSIBLE IMPOSITION OF RETROACTIVE EXPORT CONTROLS.

3. ADMINISTRATION HAS ASKED FOR EXPORT CONTROL LEGISLATION BUT ALREADY HAS SOME AUTHORITY UNDER EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969. DEPARTMENT UNABLE ADVISE GOI EMBASSY AT THIS TIME ON PROBABLE TIMING OR NATURE OF CONTROLS.

4. ACCORDING TO ADIWOSO, TOKYO FOOD ASSISTANCE NEGOTIATIONS NOT REPEAT NOT GOING WELL. ROGERS

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